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Dear Provider:

Please read the following updates that have taken place in the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs (BSHCN), Adult Head Injury Program (AHI).

**Staff Changes**

Rachel Lasley, a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Service Coordinator, joined the AHI Program Service Coordinator team on July 12, 2006. Rachel is an employee of Cole County Health Department and she replaced Michael Pethan. Rachel will serve the Central region of the state. Rachel has a master's degree in Social Work and previously was employed as a Targeted Case Manager with Pathways. Rachel can be reached at (573) 636-2181, extension 122.

Lisa Curtis, a TBI Service Coordinator, joined the AHI Program Service Coordinator team on July 17, 2006. Lisa is an employee of Ralls County Health Department and she replaced Linda Mundell. Lisa will serve the Northeast Region of the state. Lisa has a bachelor of science degree in Business/Organizational Management. She also has an associate's degree in Advertising/Public Relations. Lisa previously worked at the Young Men's Christian Association of Hannibal as the Aquatics Director. Lisa can be reached at (573) 985-7121.

**AHI Program Provider Manual**

The Provider manual (Revised July 2006) is available on the Provider secure website. Enclosed is the instructions on how to locate the website.

**Waiting List**

There are currently 79 participants awaiting rehabilitative services through the AHI Program. The AHI Program received extra funding this fiscal year and the funds will be used to move participants from the waiting list to the appropriate services.

**Provider changes**

The BSHCN needs to know if there are any changes of organizational name or address. If you have any changes, please report to Sandy Gilman at (573) 751-6246.

**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) TBI Grant Activities**

On July 24, 2006, work started on a statewide Action Plan for traumatic brain injuries utilizing the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council and other Missouri stakeholders (building from the Needs Assessment). Vision and mission statements were developed and three strategic priority areas were identified. The process of setting up committees to work on each of these three strategic areas is in progress.

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**Brain Injury Association of Missouri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**

This conference is at Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, Missouri, October 4 thru October 7, 2006. The Department of Health and Senior Services, through funds provided by the HRSA TBI grant, is a host sponsor of the event. For further information, contact the Brain Injury Association of Missouri at (314) 426-4024 or by internet at [www.biamo.org](http://www.biamo.org).

The BSHCN is very appreciative of the provider's collaboration with BSHCN's ongoing efforts to assure quality services to participants with traumatic brain injury. Please feel free to contact the AHI Program staff at (573) 751-6246 for any questions or assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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